PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Tetsuya MINO

Application No.: New Application

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For: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THIN-FILM MAGNETIC HEAD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Date: October 20, 2003

Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the application, please amend the above-identified application as shown on the following pages: